

VANDALS have again been at work on the Marquette statue in Washington. The latest work has broken off several feathers from the caps of the bronze Indians which decorate the base.

LEE HARRISON, who claimed to be a first cousin to ex-President Harrison, died in Denison, Tex., on the 15th, from a dose of morphine. The deceased was in straitened circumstances.

THE Madrid El Dia, in an article on the political situation, asserts in the most positive terms that a ministerial crisis is impending, and that it is possible that Senor Sagasta will return to the premiership.

FAILURES throughout the United States during the week ended the 19th, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 303, against 280 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 58, against 66 last year.

AFTER investigating the charges against Charles E. Anderson, nominated to be district judge for North Dakota, the senate committee on the judiciary, on the 15th, ordered that the nomination be favorably reported.

MILLARD HUNICKER, representative of the Carnegie Steel Co. in London, forwarded to his company in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the week ended on the 19th, orders for steel rails for export to England amounting to 100,000 tons.

A DISPATCH received at Madrid, on the 18th, from Havana, said it was reported there that Dr. Zertucha, who was Gen. Antonio Maceo's physician and accompanied him at the time the insurgent leader met his death, had been assassinated.

THE New York Herald's cable from Havana, of the 13th, announces that Gen. Weyler's forward movement continues, but every day it becomes more apparent that there will be no engagement with Gomez, except at a time and in a place of his choosing.

A BILL was introduced in the house of representatives, on the 15th, to authorize the secretary of the navy to make a 30-year contract with the Illinois Steel Co. to supply armor plate for ships at \$200 per ton, which is \$263 per ton less than the present price.

A DISPATCH from Athens says: "The non-concurrence of the powers in Greece's action in Crete does not appear to have had the deterrent effect that was anticipated, and Greece is going ahead as though she had the full consent of the powers to her annexation of the island."

CONSUL-GENERAL MORATTA, at Melbourne, reports to the state department that 1,150,581 1/2 ounces of gold were received at Melbourne mint last year, a considerable increase over 1895. The greater part, nearly 800,000 ounces, came from Victoria, western Australia following with 225,000 ounces.

THE act of 1887, forfeiting the land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific Railway Co., was sustained in all points by the supreme court of the United States, on the 15th, the opinion being read by Justice Brown. It was on appeal, reviving all the defenses set up by the company and finding against it at every point.

GEN. BOB, who is in command of the gendarmes at Canea, on the 16th, formally notified Col. Vassos, commanding the Greek troops at Akrotiri, of the joint occupation of Crete by the powers. To this notification the Greek colonel replied: "I am ordered to occupy the island and must carry out my orders until I receive other instructions."

AN expert examination of the books of DeKalb county, Ind., shows county and ex-county officials at short about \$30,000. Of this sum ex-treasurer Fair is charged with nearly \$12,000; ex-auditor Coffberry \$5,400; and ex-clerk Moody \$3,700. Others, whose names have not yet been made public, are short in their accounts ranging from \$400 to \$3,000.

THE first regular session of the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Association was held, on the 17th, at the headquarters of the association in the Hoffman house, New York city. One hundred and fifty publishers, representing newspapers all over the United States, were present. Charles W. Kaapp, of the St. Louis Republic, presided.

THE treasury deficiency for seven and a half months of the current fiscal year, to the 15th, was \$47,712,300. The available money in the treasury for current use was stated at \$216,000,000, of which \$146,000,000, including the \$100,000,000 gold reserve, was gold; \$30,000,000 silver certificates; \$11,000,000 United States notes, and \$29,000,000 of miscellaneous funds.

IN an article on the situation in Crete, the Paris Gaulois says that the king of Greece, when in Paris in November last, gave the government to understand that his further resistance to the aspirations of the people of Greece was impossible, and was, therefore, compelled to seek closer relations with Austria and Great Britain, the disposition of Russia being friendly.

THE navy department, on the 19th, received a telegraphic application from Maj. Carlos de San Diego, for permission for the British cruiser Cormorant, now at that port, to land its forces to take part in the grand land parade on Washington's birthday. As the authority to act upon the matter seemed to be with the state department, the request was referred to Secretary Olney.

ARTHUR DUESTROW, the wealthy St. Louisian, who three years ago murdered his wife and babe at his home in that city, was hanged, on the 16th, at Union, Mo., where, under a change of name, he was tried and convicted. His lawyers had set up the plea of mental irresponsibility, and their client kept up the farce of pretended insanity so well as to lead many to doubt the wisdom of his execution, until he got a view of the gibbet upon which he was to be executed, when he broke down, wept and begged for his life.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Second Session. In the senate, on the 15th, after considerable discussion, the joint resolution to declare the Clayton-Bulwer treaty abrogated was considered in secret session until two o'clock, when the executive session began, which lasted until 4 p. m. When the doors were reopened and the bankruptcy bill was taken up as unfinished business, the senate resumed its regular session. Twenty-four private pension bills and a lot of other miscellaneous bills were passed. In the house, the suspension day, a large number of bills were passed, among them the sundry civil appropriations bill, the senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill were considered in conference. An evening session was held for the consideration of private pension bills.

In the senate, on the 16th, Mr. Chandler (rep. N. H.) delivered a three-hour speech in support of his resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard. The bankruptcy bill was then taken up, but no action was had upon it. In the house a number of bills granting pensions, which had been amended in the senate, were laid before the house and the amendments agreed to. A bill was passed regulating and making uniform the jurisdiction of circuit courts in cases of infringement of letters patent. About 23 private pension bills were passed.

In the senate, on the 17th, after a four-hour debate, the conference report on the bill to amend the immigration laws was agreed to by a vote of 34 to 16, after which the senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business. In the house the conference report on the bill to amend the immigration laws was agreed to by a vote of 100 to 80. The conference report on the bill to amend the immigration laws was agreed to by a vote of 100 to 80. The conference report on the bill to amend the immigration laws was agreed to by a vote of 100 to 80.

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In the senate, on the 19th, two conference reports on pension bills were agreed to, giving \$50 a month to the widow of Gen. Stoneham, and \$25 a month to Gen. Daniel. Senator Daniel was designated as reader of Washington's Farewell Address on the 20th. A bill to remove political disabilities from Col. D. E. Sims, of Kentucky, was passed. At 12:30 the senate went into executive session.

In the house, on the 19th, a bill was taken up and gave rise to a long discussion. At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 7 o'clock, the evening session being for the consideration of private pension bills.

JOHN H. HOFFER, former cashier of the First national bank of Lebanon, Pa., who was charged with embezzling \$109,000 of the bank's funds, was arraigned in the United States district court at Philadelphia, on the 15th, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.

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AN Italian giving his name as Ira Matchus, but who tallies with the picture and description of John Abruzzo, one of the three "satchel workers," who confided a New Orleans jeweler out of \$10,000 worth of diamonds, was arrested in Chicago on the 16th. THE Ottoman government issued an order, on the 17th, for the mobilization of the Turkish fleet with the least possible delay. THE Cologne Gazette confirms the report that most of the great European powers concur in the proposal of Germany that the powers blockade the Pireas.

WHILE a force of workmen were engaged in lowering a boiler into the new Spanish cruiser Princess of Asturias, which is being fitted out at the naval yards at Cadiz, the tackling gave way and the boiler fell into the gathering of men below, killing six of them and seriously injuring ten others. THE bill granting women the right of suffrage in Oklahoma territory was defeated in the house, on the 18th, by a vote of 11 to 18. It was believed the bill for an educational qualification would carry.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS, on the 17th, appointed J. D. Miller receiver of the First national bank of Franklin, O.; John E. Hendricks, receiver of the First national bank of Griswold, Ia., and N. A. Phillips receiver of the First national bank of Olympia, Wash. THE nomination of J. H. Munger, of Nebraska, was confirmed by the United States senate, on the 18th, without opposition.

THE general deficiency bill, presented in the house of representatives, on the 18th, carries an appropriation of \$8,448,937. THE Spanish government has agreed to release Julio Sagastia, the American citizen who was arrested in Cuba two years ago.

THE Bermuda, which has gained a world-wide celebrity, because of Cuban filibustering expeditions, passed out from the Delaware breakwater, on the 18th, and steamed seaward, ostensibly for the Bermudas. It is reported that Gen. Carlos Roloff was on board.

JOHN I. BAKER, the "Sage of Essex," an abolitionist, and one of the founders of the republican party, died at Beverly, Mass., on the 18th, at the age of 85 years. He was born in Beverly, August 16, 1812, and always lived there. A DISPATCH from Key West, Fla., of the 18th, said: Private information has been received in this city of the whereabouts of Gen. Gomez. He has succeeded in slipping by the blockade and is now in Havana.

THE break came in the senatorship deadlock at Pierre, S. D., on the 18th, when Senator Kyle was re-elected, the republicans of the house voting solidly for him, having dropped Fickler. FRAGMENTARY news from the district court at Philadelphia, on the 15th, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.

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TO the sound of martial music he loved so well, the body of Gen. Jo G. Shelby was, on the 17th, taken to its last resting place in Forest Hill cemetery, at Kansas City, Mo., and placed in the receiving vault to await its burial among the 80 followers of the "General" already sleeping in the ex-confederate burying ground. A FAVORABLE report was ordered, on the 17th, by the house labor committee on the Lorimer bill "To prevent conspiracies to blackmail."

THE resolution of the 18th, commuted to five years' actual imprisonment the sentence of eight years in the penitentiary imposed March 11, 1893, on J. E. Crandall, formerly president of the First national bank of Johnson City, Tenn., for false entries in national bank books and false reports. FRANCE and Brazil signed a protocol, on the 18th, referring their dispute regarding territorial boundaries to arbitration, the president of the Swiss confederation to be the referee.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Official statement of the financial condition of the banks of Missouri (not including national), January 21, 1897, as reported by Secretary of State Leasurent. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal collateral security, \$7,503,198 1/2. Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security, 6,782,096 73. Overdrafts by solvent customers, 309,319 19. Other funds on hand, 103,505 05. Present market price, 8,877,097 89. Real estate mortgages, 2,625,979 39. Due from other banks, 603,075 01. Sight draft, 17,707,671 81. Checks and other bank items, 1,741,751 39. National bank notes, legal tender United States, 5,538,096 71. Silver certificates, 3,849,110 33. Gold coin, 656,179 96. Silver coin, 656,179 96.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$21,000,400 00. Surplus funds on hand, 8,482,127 33. Deposits subject to call, 1,427,304 05. Deposits by banks and bankers, 1,427,304 05. Deposits by individuals and others, 57,200,412 64. Deposits subject to draft at given dates, 15,652,213 31. Bills payable and bills re-discounted, 1,112,621 51. Total, \$108,007,138 94.

Drought Sufferers in Missouri. C. A. S. P. Rafter, representative in the legislature from Jefferson county, is quoted as follows by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "For the past two seasons a section of country beginning at the Mississippi river and embracing the northern frontier of counties in Arkansas and southern Missouri, as far north as Christian county, including Howell, Douglas, Grant, Taney, Greene, Barry and counties to the west, have suffered from a severe drought. The corn crop was almost a complete failure, while other crops were reduced to a very small percentage. The fruit crop was an entire failure. The emigration to Taney county from the drought-stricken regions of Arkansas and Missouri has been very large. Some of the emigrants have taken up homesteads in the land of the Big Red Apple to recuperate their fortunes and to make homes for themselves and their families. Many of these people are now in a destitute condition. Several petitions to the governor asking him to do something were sent to me as his representative. They were referred to the governor and he indicated that he would call the attention of the legislature to this matter in a special message. I have introduced a bill to provide for the relief of Taney county, which is now before the committee on appropriations."

Good Roads Convention. The annual convention of the Missouri Good Roads Improvement association to be held at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 21st, will be largely attended. Members of the county courts, county surveyors, mayors of towns and cities, street commissioners, or representatives, and many other interested persons will be present. Special attention will be given to the bill before the legislature creating a state highway commission, and to the proposed "Location of Roads," and other subjects will be discussed.

STEPHEN COLLEGE, Columbia. An important meeting was held recently by the directors of Stephens college, Columbia. It was announced at the close of the meeting that the proposed addition to the college building, which cost \$200,000 more was required to complete the improvements. A proposition was made by E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, to appropriate \$200,000 for the purpose of raising the additional \$200,000. The proposition was accepted, and President S. F. Taylor and the board of trustees agreed to issue state bonds to take the field to raise the amount. Most of the money will be raised in the form of scholarships. There is no doubt but that the new chapel will be completed in time for the coming year.

Rich and Hugged from His Neighbors. John William Oliver, of St. Louis, who recently left more money than was generally supposed. So far \$60,000 have been found about the premises. The money will go to his brothers. The other brother, who lives in one of the rooms of which he occupied, however, and these were a reeking mass of filth and vermin. The house was infested with rats, and begged a nickel from his poor neighbors with which to buy bread.

Mike Golden fell through an elevator shaft in St. Louis, 60 feet, and escaped without serious injury. When rescued by those who witnessed and heard the fall, Golden was sitting up, rubbing his leg, and remarked: "That fool engineer who built that elevator, and who got up and made for that badly frightened individual who had left the shaft open, and gave him a tongue lashing."

A motion for a new trial in the case of John Marshall, who murdered his daughter at Columbia last fall, was overruled in the Boone county circuit court. The day for his execution was fixed for March 26. This will be the first legal execution in Columbia for 40 years.

Joseph A. Worley was murdered near his home, in Laclede county, while out feeding his stock. He was found next morning by his nephew, Milton Gentry. He had been shot twice and his body was found in a ditch. He was an inoffensive citizen, about 32, unmarried and lived with his parents.

Col. William F. Pifer, aged 78, a soldier under Gen. Lee in Virginia, died at his home in Hannibal, Mo. He was seriously wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and was left on the field for dead. Women and Missouri Supreme Court. Miss Victoria Conkling Whitney, of St. Louis, has been admitted to practice before the supreme court. She is the third woman admitted to practice before that tribunal.

"Cotton" Schmidt, white, and Sam Foster, colored, were indicted at Clayton, St. Louis county, for the murder of Bertram Atwater, a Chicago artist. Duestrow's Brain. Physicians who held that Duestrow, the St. Louis wife and child murderer, was insane assert that the brain showed that he was diseased. English Retained. George H. English, the foot-ball player, has been reinstated at the state university. He was suspended on account of the Mexican tour.

A Crowded Jail. There are more prisoners in the St. Louis jail than ever before, high-water mark being reached the other day when they numbered 361. Mines to Be Opened. The Marmaduke lead lands near Nelson, Saline county, are to be opened up immediately by Thomas McNeal, who is an expert miner. Stores Burned. The stores of the Beaman Drug Co. and Stewart & Son, general merchants at Beaman, Pettis county, were burned recently.

THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 15.—SENATE.—The senate was not in session on the 15th. HOUSE.—One hundred bills were ordered engrossed. JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 16.—SENATE.—Yesterday the bill to appropriate \$500,000 to the expenses of assessing and collecting the revenue for the years 1897 and 1898 and the contingent expenses of the board of equalization was taken up for discussion. Senator Williams took occasion to criticize that part of the bill which appropriates money for the expenses of the board of equalization. He said the board had in later years extended its sessions unnecessarily, each member receiving a day during the sessions, which, he said, were often as long as 40 days. Senator Landrum raised the same objection, but the bill passed.

Senator Lyons bill reducing the grocers' garnishment exemption to \$30 a month was called up for engrossment. The bill failed of engrossment, the opposition being very bitter. HOUSE.—The house received favorable reports on the two-cent passenger-rate bill which was passed by a vote of 100 to 20. The bill providing for the rates of the sleeping car companies about 20 per cent, and compelling them to turn in 4 per cent of the gross earnings to the state treasury, and bills affecting the Pullman company were introduced by Representative Wilson, of St. Louis, and the 20 cent passenger rate act originated with Speaker Felt.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 17.—SENATE.—Yesterday the senate spent most of the morning session going through routine business and was adjourned at 12 o'clock. The senate adjourned at 12 o'clock.

HOUSE.—The most important act of the house was the passage, by a vote of 92 to 28, of the bill to reduce the salaries of railroad commissioners from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The house passed, by a vote of 71 to 48, the bill to reduce the salaries of railroad commissioners from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The house passed, by a vote of 71 to 48, the bill to reduce the salaries of railroad commissioners from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 18.—SENATE.—Yesterday the bill to prevent corporations from becoming creditors, guardians, trustees or receivers was defeated, 30 to 14. Senator Busch's bill limiting pawnbrokers and other money-lenders to 1 per cent interest on loans, but little opposition. The advocates of the blacksmith bill before the senate are assured of a favorable report from the committee on commerce.

HOUSE.—The house passed two bills making the law passed two years ago in reference to alien holding real estate, but little opposition. One provides that a corporation owning 30 per cent of the stock is not precluded from exercising alien's authority to hold property for six years. The bill repealing the present mechanic's lien law, which was introduced by Senator Lindsy, and which excluded the material men from liens was up before the labor committee and reported adversely.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 18.—SENATE.—Yesterday the bill to abolish the board of railroad commissioners and enacting a law authorizing the only commissioner to be appointed by the governor, was tabled after a spirited debate. The bill requiring life insurance companies which receive weekly and monthly payments to deposit \$10,000 with the insurance commissioner and pay a tax of \$10,000 was passed. The militia bill before the senate, which created a commission to revise the statutes was defeated.

HOUSE.—The contested election case of Eaton (dem.) against Bauer (rep.) from Washington county, was decided by the election commission, which is chairman, in favor of Dr. Eaton. Dr. Eaton was seated. The bill to make private normal schools open to public normal students is a wide certificate was reconsidered and the bill again placed on the calendar.

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DOOMED TO DEFEAT.

At Least So Far as This Session is Concerned. The General Treaty of Arbitration Made the Sport of Senators, Who Think They See in It an Encroachment Upon Their Privileges. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—When the senate adjourned at eight o'clock last night, after a secret session of seven and a half hours, it was apparent to the most sanguine friends of the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain that no vote could be secured at this session of the senate. The fact that a motion to postpone until March 5, had been defeated by a vote of 30 to 20 afforded no satisfaction. On the contrary it emphasized the fact that those fighting the treaty intended there should be affirmative action of no kind.

The debate proceeded in regular order until six o'clock, when the senator, tired of the discussion and weary in body, left the chamber and proceeded to their homes. For two hours longer the senate was in a dreary session of yea and nay until the senate for the purpose of securing a quorum, which was no sooner found to be present than it would disappear. Filibustering was indulged in with the old-time vigor, and when, after two hours of this sort of thing, the call of the senate failed to establish the presence of a quorum, a motion to adjourn prevailed, the treaty was laid hanging in the air.

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